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Dear Friends:

On Monday, I joined local, state and federal leaders representing St. Paul and Minneapolis to tour the Central Corridor light rail route. Prior to our tour, we met at St. Paul's historic Union Depot to discuss investments in transit that are necessary to keep the Metro area economically competitive. Investments in Central Corridor light rail and a multi-modal transit hub at the Union Depot will ease congestion, provide good jobs and improve our quality of life.

This week in Washington, I was honored to be recognized by the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) as a "Friend of College Access." NACAC works on behalf of students to improve access to higher education. Millions of college students, particularly low-income and first generation college goers, rely on college admissions counselors to help to ease access to postsecondary education. [Click here](#) to read my speech at the NACAC conference.



*Rep. McCollum is joined by Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak, Ramsey County Commissioner Raphael Ortega, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Rep. Martin Sabo to discuss investments in Central Corridor at St. Paul's Union Depot.*

Forty-five years ago today, President Kennedy created the Peace Corps saying. Since its creation, 180,000 Americans have volunteered for Peace Corps. Currently, 200 Minnesotans are serving as Peace Corps volunteers. Read my full statement on the [45th Anniversary of Peace Corps](#).

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum  
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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